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## Kind Votes to Support Troops in Wartime Supplemental Spending Bill

*Kind Fiscal Discipline Amendment Provides White House Accountability Check*

**Washington, DC** – U.S. Rep. Ron Kind (D-WI) voted for the \$81.4 billion emergency supplemental spending bill for Iraq, Afghanistan and other regions today, which included an amendment he sponsored to remove the non-emergency \$592 million appropriation for the U.S.-Iraqi Embassy. The amendment, which was also co-authored by Reps. Upton (R-MI) and Myrick (R-NC), was adopted last evening by a vote of 258-170 with the support of the entire Wisconsin delegation and a majority of both Republicans and Democrats.

“Our troops continue to do an incredible job under challenging conditions, and this bill is necessary to give them the tools and resources they need to do their mission safely and effectively,” stated Rep. Kind. “We have made a commitment to finish the job in Iraq, and we will continue to deliver the necessary support. We also have an obligation to budget responsibly, and continuing to rely on emergency spending bills outside of the regular budget is not only irresponsible; it’s unsustainable. We need to get back to the regular budget process, and removing the non-emergency appropriation for the embassy is a good place to start.”

A total of \$914 million has already been appropriated for the U.S.-Iraqi Embassy in the FY 03 and 04 war supplemental bills, the Iraq Relief and Reconstruction fund, and the FY 05 budget for the State Department, proving that funding the Embassy was a known cost and not an emergency spending appropriation.

“This amendment is not about debating the merits or necessity of an U.S.-Iraqi Embassy, but speaks rather to a larger issue about reinstituting regular budget procedure,” stated Kind. “We have known from the moment that Saddam’s regime fell that we would need an Embassy in Baghdad. In adopting this amendment, the Congress acknowledges a need to restore responsibility and accountability to the budget process.”

This supplemental is the third such emergency bill passed since the start of the war in Iraq, bringing the total of emergency appropriated war funds to an estimated \$275 billion.